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THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" There is no question of the Government taking up any problem seriously or facetiously, as they take up all problems in right earnest. The Government are already in communication with the distillery owners in the Province."

Paper mills in the Presidency.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of paper mills in this Presidency and where they are situated;

(*b*) what are their share-capital;

(*c*) the total cost of paper imported into this Province from (1) other provinces and (2) foreign countries;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to start paper mills in the Province or permit private individuals or companies to start paper mills to make the Province self-sufficient;

(*e*) the total quantity and cost of hand-made paper produced in our Province; and

(*f*) in what ways are the Government helping hand-made paper industry?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*f*) A statement [a] giving the details required is placed on the table of the House."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Andhra Paper Mills have been closed, with the result that paper production in this Province is *nil*? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government take over and run the mills themselves so as to improve paper manufacture in the Province? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The same point was raised by the hon. Member some time ago in a supplementary question, and I have answered it. I have nothing to add to what I have already said."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the large quantity of paper imported into this Province, have the Government under consideration any scheme either for taking over the Andhra Paper Mills, or, besides that, for the setting up of any mill, or of assisting any industrialist in starting a paper mill for the production of paper? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" On the question of starting a new mill, permission has been given on the application of a particular company and the same has

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been recommended to the Government of India for arranging for the import of machinery. Any other assistance that may be needed by any company or capitalist in the matter of increasing production of paper in this Province will be considered by the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government prepared to afford any financial assistance, if it is necessary? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" It will be sympathetically considered, Sir."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Have the Government under consideration any question of bringing in legislation for taking power to take over mills for the production of paper? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Such a legislation has not been contemplated, Sir."

Committee for selection of candidates for admission to the Engineering College.

* 185 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Selection Committee was constituted for selecting candidates for admission to the Engineering College;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, who the members of the Committee are;

(*c*) whether the Selection Committee was given any instructions and, if so, what those instructions were;

(*d*) whether the list of selected candidates for admission signed by the members of the Selection Committee has been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*; and

(*e*) whether the list has been signed by all the members and, if not, what led to the omission of the name of any member?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) Yes; for 1947–48.

" (*b*) The members of the Committee were the Principals of the three Engineering Colleges and two non-officials, viz. :—

(1) Sri N. Somasundaram, Advocate, Egmore, Madras, and

(2) Sri S. B. P. Pattabhi Rama Rao, Zamindar of Kapileswarapuram, Mylapore, Madras.

" (*c*) The instructions in force in regard to admissions to Engineering Colleges are contained in the following Government Orders [a] placed on the table of the House :—

(1) G.O. No. 1435, Education, dated 1st August 1940.

(2) G.O. No. 997, Education, dated 22nd July 1948.

(3) G.O. No. 1364, Education, dated 27th June 1947.

" The Committee was informed that these instructions should be strictly adhered to.

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 188–191 infra.